



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Attorney Docket No. 289630.120US1)

In re Application of: Howell, Richard J. ) Examiner: To Be Assigned  
Serial No. 10/780,455 ) Group Art Unit: 3618  
Filing Date: February 17, 2004 )  
For: ALPINE SKI BINDING HEEL UNIT

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**PETITION FOR SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS**  
**PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.182, Applicants hereby petition to replace the drawings presently on file with the enclosed four (4) sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-4) prior to the publication of the application. The petition fee of \$130 set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17 (h) should be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this petition. However, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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